

**AMENDMENT AND PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS**

Please replace all prior claims in the present application with the following claims, in which claims 1-10 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 11-20 are newly presented.

1.-10. (Cancelled)

11. (New) An apparatus in a knee replacement operation for measuring a joint gap and ligament balance between an osteotomized surface at a femur distal end and an osteotomized surface at a tibia proximal end, said apparatus comprising:

a base;

a first engaging member provided on said base for an engagement with said osteotomized surface at the tibia proximal end;

a moving body;

a second engaging member provided on said moving body for an engagement with said osteotomized surface at said femur distal end, said second engaging member being rotatable on the moving body about an axis substantially parallel with respect to said osteotomized surface at the femur distal end;

said base and said moving body being connected with each other so that the first and second engaging members are selectively moved between a direction where the first and second engaging members are moved toward each other and a direction where the first and second engaging members are moved away from each other;

a driving member configured to drive said moving member with respect to the base so that the first and second engaging members are moved in the direction away from each other;

a stopper provided on the moving body and configured to engage with the driving member to restrain movement of the driving member in the direction where the first and second engaging members are moved toward each other;

a first indicator configured to indicate the value corresponding the spacing between the first and second engaging members; and

a second indicator configured to indicate the value corresponding the angle between the first and second engaging members,

wherein said first and second engaging members have an offset structure with respect to said base and moving body, respectively, so that measuring operation is performed without patella eversion.

12. (New) An apparatus according to claim 11, wherein said stopper is a ratchet member on the moving body, and wherein said driving member includes a ratchet wheel with which the ratchet member is engaged for preventing the ratchet wheel from being rotated for locking the movement of the driving member in the direction where the first and second engaging members are moved toward each other.

13. (New) An apparatus according to claim 11, wherein said moving body includes a shaft which is inserted to a bore in the base, and wherein said first indicator comprises a scale on the shaft.

14. (New) An apparatus according to claim 11, wherein said second indicator includes a scale plate fixed on an outer side of the moving body and an indicating member extending from the second engaging member toward the scale plate, the indicating member having an end which is located along the scale plate.

15. (New) An apparatus used in a knee replacement and arthroplasty operation for measuring a joint gap and ligament balance between a osteotomized surface at a femoral distal end and an osteotomized surface at a tibial proximal end, said apparatus comprising:

a femoral component for an insertion to the osteotomized surface at a femoral distal end ;

a base;

a first engaging member on said base for an engagement with said osteotomized surface at the tibial proximal end;

a moving body;

a second engaging member on said moving body for an engagement with said osteotomized surface at said femoral distal end, said second engaging member being for mounting thereon said femoral component, said second engaging member being rotatable on the moving body about an axis substantially parallel with respect to said osteotomized surface at the femoral distal end;

said base and said moving body being connected with each other so that the first and second engaging members are selectively moved between a direction where the first and second engaging members are moved toward each other and a direction where the first and second engaging members are moved away from each other;

a driving member configured to move said moving member with respect to the base so that the first and second engaging members are moved in the direction away from each other;

a stopper provided on the moving body and configured to engage with the driving member to restrain movement of the driving member in the direction where the first and second engaging members are moved toward each other;

a first indicator configured to indicate the value corresponding the spacing between the first and second engaging members; and

a second indicator configured to indicate the value corresponding the angle between the first and second engaging members,

wherein said first and second engaging members have an offset structure with respect to said base and moving body, respectively, so that measuring operation is performed without patella eversion.

16. (New) An apparatus according to claim 15, wherein said second engaging member has, at its surface remote from the first engaging member, a fitting part, and wherein the apparatus further comprises an auxiliary guiding member for a fitted engagement with said fitting part on the second engaging member and engaged with the femoral component.

17. (New) An apparatus according to claim 16, wherein said fitting engagement between the fitting part of the second engaging member and the auxiliary guiding member is done under a snap engaging fashion.

18. (New) An apparatus according to claim 15, wherein said stopper is a ratchet member on the moving body, and wherein said driving member includes a ratchet wheel with which the ratchet member is engaged for preventing the ratchet wheel from being rotated for locking the movement of the driving member in the direction where the first and second engaging members are moved toward each other.

19. (New) An apparatus according to claim 15, wherein said moving body include a shaft which is inserted to a bore in the base, and wherein said first indicator comprises a scale on the shaft.

20. (New) An apparatus according to claim 15, wherein said second indicator includes a scale plate fixed on an outer side of the moving body and an indicating member extending from the second engaging member toward an indicator plat, the indicating member having an end which is located along the scale plate.